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In re Application of	:	
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Toshiaki MASUDA et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 1796
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Serial No. 10/595,910	:	Examiner: Irina Sopjia ZEMEL
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For: Thermally Expanded Microsphere, Process	:	
for Producing the Same, Thermally	:	
Expandable Microsphere and Use Thereof	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application. *A copy of the non-U.S. patent is attached.* Also attached is a copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 04 81 8881.

*No fee is believed to be required in view of the above information disclosure statement.* However, Applicants authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the Petition fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) *if required* and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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